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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of

Docket No.: 06730001AA (2035365-0001)

STOICA, A.

Examiner: Johnson, Timothy

Serial No.: 09/442,445

Group Art Unit: 2625

Filed: November 17, 1999

Confirmation No.: 5867

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING PATTERN  
MATCHING IMAGE COMPRESSION

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT OF APPLICATION

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Applicant requests withdrawal of abandonment of the application. Applicant submits the following facts:

1. On November 17, 1999, Applicant filed the present application. A copy of a date stamped post card evidencing the filing of the application is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. On January 22, 2002, March 18, 2002 and August 18, 2003 Applicant filed a "Status Inquiry" with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") to determine the status of the above-identified application. A copy of a date stamped post card evidencing the filing of the Status Inquiries is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
3. On April 26, 2002, May 3, 2002 and August 27, 2003 McGuireWoods received communications from the PTO, indicating a status of the application; however, as of the date of the Notice of Abandonment, Applicant's undersigned representative

has not received any further communications from the PTO with regard to the examination or the merits for this application.

4. A Notice of Abandonment was finally mailed by the PTO on July 9, 2004. This Notice of Abandonment indicated that Applicant failed to timely respond to an office letter mailed on January 22, 2003.
5. Applicants have not recorded any office action dated January 22, 2003, and are of the belief that such office action was lost in the mail.
6. McGuireWoods LLP has multiple redundant procedures for docketing operations (including docketing of PTO Office Actions). These docketing procedures include the docketing of both reminder dates and final due dates. By way of specific example, at the time of mailing of the PTO Office Action of January 22, 2003 and at the times for timely response (April 23, 2003 and July 22, 2003) these multiple docketing operations, which are cross referenced for accuracy and completeness, included:
  - A. Date stamping of all incoming U.S. Patent Office communications including PTO Office Actions,
  - B. Entry of U.S. Patent Office communications, including PTO Office Actions, for both reminder dates and final due dates, into a widely recognized commercial patent docketing system available from Computer Packages, Inc.,

- C. Manual entry of final due dates in a handwritten (manual) ledger and docket file cards, at which time the computer entered dates are cross-checked, and
  - D. Docket reminders maintained by individual attorneys and their secretaries.
7. As of the filing of this Request for Withdrawal of Abandonment of Application, Applicant did not receive the Non-Final Office Action of January 22, 2003 in the above-identified application. We have reviewed the file associated with the application and found no Non-Final Office Action of January 22, 2003.
8. The Non-Final Office Action was not received by McGuireWoods LLP because no entries for this communication were made in any of the computer ledger or the docketing card file, while all of the docketing systems are completely consistent in regard to other actions including other separate actions pending in other applications.
9. Copies of the docketing report of McGuireWoods LLP from the week including April 22, 2003 (the three-month date) and from the week including July 22, 2003 (the six-month date) demonstrate no record of the Office Action mailed on January 22, 2004. These copies are attached hereto as Exhibit C.
10. As such, it appears that the abandonment was due to a mailing error on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, or U.S. Postal Service.

In view of the fact that Applicant did not receive the Non-Final Office Action mailed on January 22, 2003, Applicant now respectfully requests that the abandonment of the above-

identified application be withdrawn. Applicant further requests that the Non-Final Office Action be re-mailed to Applicant's undersigned representative, thus resetting the time to respond to the Non-Final Office Action.

Applicant does not believe any fees are now due. To the extent necessary, please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with this application, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-1951 (Attorney Docket No. 02410214AA) and credit any excess fees to the same Deposit Account.

In the alternative, Applicants petition that the application went abandoned unintentionally under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b). The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional. In this case, charge all necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 23-1951. In reviving the application, Applicant also requests that the Non-Final Office Action be resent so that Applicant may respond as required. If the application is received revised, please charge all necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew M. Calderon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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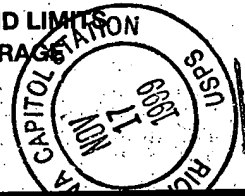
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Instrument:

a Utility Patent Application Transmittal Letter, Utility Patent Application including 33 pages of specification, 5 pages of claims (claims 1-25) and 1 page of abstract, 15 pages of Formal Drawings (Figures 1-15), Assignment Document and Assignment Document Cover Sheet, Declaration and Power of Attorney, Check No. 664886 in the amount of \$890.00 and an Express Mail Certificate

The Official date stamp of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office hereon is evidence of the fact that subject instrument for the above-identified case has been received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.



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Please place the Patent Office receipt stamp hereon to acknowledge receipt of the following:

1. A Follow-Up Status Inquiry; and
2. Two Acknowledgement postcards.

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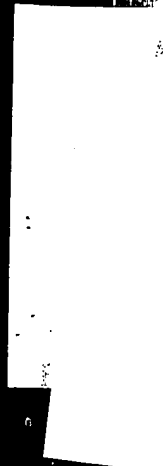
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